History of the Institute

1477 Foundation of a University in Mainz
1798 University suspended by decree of the French administration
1946 Reopening under the name of Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz, again on French initiative
1946/47 Medical faculty inaugurated, Edith Heischkel-Artelt appointed as the first lecturer in history of medicine
1947 In September Paul Diepgen is appointed to Mainz University, setting up the Institute for Medical History. The Institute’s facilities are limited to a single room provided by the Institute of Anatomy.
1950 The first two students are awarded their doctoral degrees at the Institute for the History of Medicine.
1957 Edith Heischkel-Artelt succeeds as director of the Institute.
1958 The Institute moves to a former Labour Service (“Reichsarbeitsdienst”) shed composed of 12 small rooms.
1962 Edith Heischkel-Artelt is appointed to the new chair in medical history, with Rolf Winau as assistant professor.
1974 Gunter Mann becomes director of the Institute.
1978 The Institute relocates from its temporary facilities on campus to its current premises, known as the “gunpowder tower” (Pulverturm).
1988 Werner F. Kümmel succeeds Gunter Mann.
1997 Celebration of the Institute’s fiftieth anniversary
2004 At the medical faculty’s request, the Institute broadens its academic scope to include the fields of ethics and philosophy of medicine. At Werner F. Kümmel’s retirement, Norbert W. Paul is appointed to the chair and the directorship of the renamed Institute for History, Philosophy, and Ethics of Medicine.
2007 In the winter term 2007/2008 the Institute celebrates its 60th anniversary.
Friday 29th February 2008

13.30-14.00 REGISTRATION
14.00-14.30 WELCOME
14.30-15.30 Session 1: MEDICINE IN CLASSICAL ANTIQUITY AND THE MIDDLE AGES
Chair: Klaus-Dietrich Fischer
The Interpretation of Understanding in Ancient Greek Medical Texts
Paul Potter
Gariopontus of Salerno’s Book of Diseases: Medical Practice and Scholarship in Eleventh Century Italy
Florence Eliza Glaze
15.30-16.00 COFFEE BREAK
16.00-17.00 Session 2: PHILOSOPHY AND PRACTICE OF MEDICINE IN MUSLIM ARAB CIVILIZATIONS SINCE 1240 AD
Chair: Rainer Brömer
The Philosophical Roots of Ibn al-Nafis’s New Theory of the Pulmonary Transit
Nahyan Fancy
Practice and Thought: Medicine and the Medical Profession in Ottoman Egypt
(17th-18th Century)
Ahmed Ragab
17.00-18.00 CONFERENCE DINNER

Saturday 1st March 2008

9.00-10.00 SESSION 4: INSCRIBING BODY AND MIND: PERSPECTIVES FROM HISTORY AND SCIENCE STUDIES
Chair: Lara Huber
Materialities of Cognition: How Strategies of Visualization Shaped Brain Theory
Cornelius Borck
How Brains Become (A)Social
Nicole C. Karafyllis
10.00-11.00 Session 5: RETHINKING SEX AND GENDER: REPRODUCTION IN TECHNOCIENCE AND MEDICINE
Chair: Antje Kampf
‘Reproductive Masculinity’: Rethinking Gender Difference and Gender Privilege through the Male Reproductive Body
Cynthia Daniels
Constructing and Theorizing Male Reproductive Bodies and Technologies. The Case of the Male Pill
Nelly Oudshoorn
11.00-11.30 COFFEE BREAK
11.30-12.30 Session 6: BIOMEDICAL TRANSFORMATIONS OF BODIES AND SELVES
Chair: Meike Wolf
Old Bodies – New Technologies
Susanne Lundin
‘I am a living example’ How Patients Aspire to Translate Experience back into Biomedical Assemblages
Stefan Beck
12.30-13.30 Session 7: CULTURE OF ETHICS AND ETHICS OF CULTURE IN MEDICINE
Chair: Ilhan Ilkilic
The Scope and Limits of Cultural Pluralism in Bioethics
Dieter Birnbacher
What Does Culture Ethically Mean in Medical Practice?
Franz Josef Illhardt
13.30-14.30 LUNCH